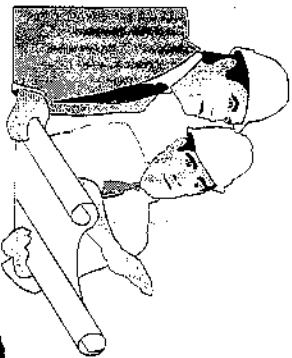


WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The Welfare-to-Work Program is targeted at residents of Fresno County who participate in the Human Services System Welfare-to-Work Program and for whom it is determined that tenant-based housing is critical to the family's ability to obtain or retain employment.

The participants of the Welfare-to-Work Program are striving to attain independence and self-sufficiency.



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WHAT IS THE WELFARE-TO-WORK VOUCHER PROGRAM?

The Welfare-to-Work Voucher Program provides tenant-based Housing Choice Voucher assistance to help eligible families make the successful transition from welfare to work. The program emphasizes the motto of the Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno – In, Up, and Out.

The Welfare-to-Work Program consists of a special allocation of Housing Choice Vouchers. These Vouchers are designated specifically to assist those families who have already taken the first step of participating in the Human Services System's Welfare-to-Work Program.

The program involves cooperation between the Housing Authorities of the City and

County of Fresno, the Human Services System, and various community partners.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS AS AN OWNER?

The primary benefit is that the owner and the housing authority (HA) sign a *Housing Assistance Payment Contract* (HAP Contract). In the Contract, the HA guarantees they will pay a portion of the total rent directly to the owner each month on behalf of the family. The rent portion for the tenant is based on 30% of the family's adjusted monthly income.

An additional benefit to owners of Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) units is participation in annual owner workshops. In the past, topics have included:

- Access to housing regulations.
- Tips in providing fair housing.
- Discussions about critical issues facing the housing market.
- Implementation of new housing reform.
- Tips on tenant screening.
- Drugs and gangs in housing.
- Unit security measures.

The owner of an HCV unit also benefits from annual inspections conducted by the HA. The contract requires that the family meet certain housing quality standards (HQS) obligations. The HA's annual

inspections are a way of ensuring the family complies with these obligations.

The most rewarding benefit of being an owner of a unit housing a Welfare-to-Work Voucher tenant is knowing that you are helping someone in your community to succeed in their goal of breaking free from public assistance.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

The Housing Authorities of the City and County of Fresno provide information through their

Information Service Center at
(559)445-8960.

Brochures are available which discuss leases, contracts, owner and tenant obligations, evictions, and other related topics. In addition, you can obtain information on-line at www.hafresno.org.